

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Shockley, on March 13, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 146, 3/6/2009; HB 147, 3/6/2009;
HB 328, 3/6/2009; HB 622, 3/6/2009;
SR 8, 3/6/2009; SR 9, 3/6/2009

Executive Action: SR 8

HEARING ON HB 622

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:30 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 622, Clarify constituent fund account laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:34 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP)

00:03:33 Rita Blouke, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:50 None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:53 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:56 Sen. Brenden

00:05:03 Rep. Himmelberger

00:06:17 Sen. Tropila

00:06:35 Mr. Unsworth, CPP

00:07:29 Sen. Balyeat

00:07:50 Mr. Unsworth, CPP

00:08:24 Sen. Balyeat

00:09:03 Rep. Himmelberger

00:09:25 Mr. Unsworth, CPP

00:10:24 Sen. Balyeat

00:11:27 Mr. Unsworth, CPP

00:12:00 Sen. Balyeat

00:12:59 Mr. Unsworth, CPP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:21 Rep. Himmelberger

HEARING ON HB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:34 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 328, Revise petition requirements for certain candidates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:21 Scott Seilstad, Fergus County Community Council
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts56a01)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:34 None

Informational Testimony:

00:20:37 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:39 Sen. Cooney
00:21:13 Rep. MacLaren
00:21:29 Sen. Cooney
00:22:47 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:08 Rep. MacLaren

Additional Exhibit:
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts56a02)

HEARING ON HB 147

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:58 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 146, Require more details of campaign expenditures.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:59 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:29:06 Rita Blouke, League of Women Voters

Opponents' Testimony:

00:29:40 Chuck Denowh, Self

Informational Testimony:

00:37:06 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:10 Sen. Brenden
00:37:34 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:37:52 Sen. Brenden
00:38:06 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:38:28 Sen. Brenden
00:38:37 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:39:27 Sen. Balyeat
00:40:38 Rep. MacLaren
00:40:53 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:41:05 Sen. Balyeat
00:41:43 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:42:22 Chairman Shockley
00:42:39 Rep. MacLaren
00:43:25 Sen. Balyeat
00:43:56 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:44:37 Sen. Balyeat
00:45:02 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:46:28 Sen. Balyeat
00:48:09 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
00:48:56 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:08 Rep. MacLaren
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts56a03)

HEARING ON HB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:32 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 147, Revise disclosure of certain late-stage campaign expenditures.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:35 Rita Blouke, League of Women Voters
00:52:14 Mr. Unsworth, CPP
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts56a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:04 None

Informational Testimony:

00:54:08 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:18 None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:22 Rep. MacLaren

00:55:08 Recess

01:11:27 Reconvene

Discussion on HB 602

01:12:08 Chairman Shockley

01:12:12 Sen. Balyeat

01:12:25 Chairman Shockley

01:12:38 Sen. Cooney

01:13:24 Chairman Shockley

01:16:30 Chairman Shockley relinquished the chair to Sen.
Balyeat

HEARING ON SR 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:36 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SR
9, Confirm certain governor's appointees.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:20 Patty Keebler, Governor's Office

01:17:45 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

01:18:16 None

Informational Testimony:

01:18:20 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:23 Sen. Brenden
01:19:13 Ms. Keebler, Governor's Office
01:20:02 Sen. Brenden
01:20:29 Ms. Keebler, Governor's Office
01:21:00 Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:17 Sen. Shockley
01:21:51 Sen. Brueggeman arrived.

HEARING ON SR 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:39 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SR 8, Confirm a governor's appointee to Bd. of County Printing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:00 Patty Keebler, Governor's Office
01:24:38 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties
01:26:19 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:27:04 Sen. Windy Boy, SD 16

Informational Testimony:

01:28:11 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:21 None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:26 Sen. Shockley
01:28:36 Sen. Shockley resumed the chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 8

Discussion:

01:28:53 Chairman Shockley
01:29:10 Sen. Balyeat
01:29:29 Sen. Cooney
01:30:39 Chairman Shockley

01:30:59 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SR 8 DO PASS.**

01:31:10 Sen. Windy Boy
01:32:03 Sen. Brenden
01:32:27 Sen. Balyeat
01:33:10 Chairman Shockley
01:33:18 Patty Keebler, Governor's Office
01:34:12 Sen. Cooney
01:35:18 Chairman Shockley
01:35:30 Sen. Balyeat
01:36:46 Chairman Shockley
01:36:55 Sen. Brueggeman
01:37:25 Sen. Shockley
01:37:30 Sen. Brueggeman
01:37:49 Sen. Brenden
01:38:01 Chairman Shockley

01:38:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Shockley, Sen. Tropila, and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Squires was excused.

01:39:19 Sen. Cooney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 A.M.

Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sts56aad.pdf](#))